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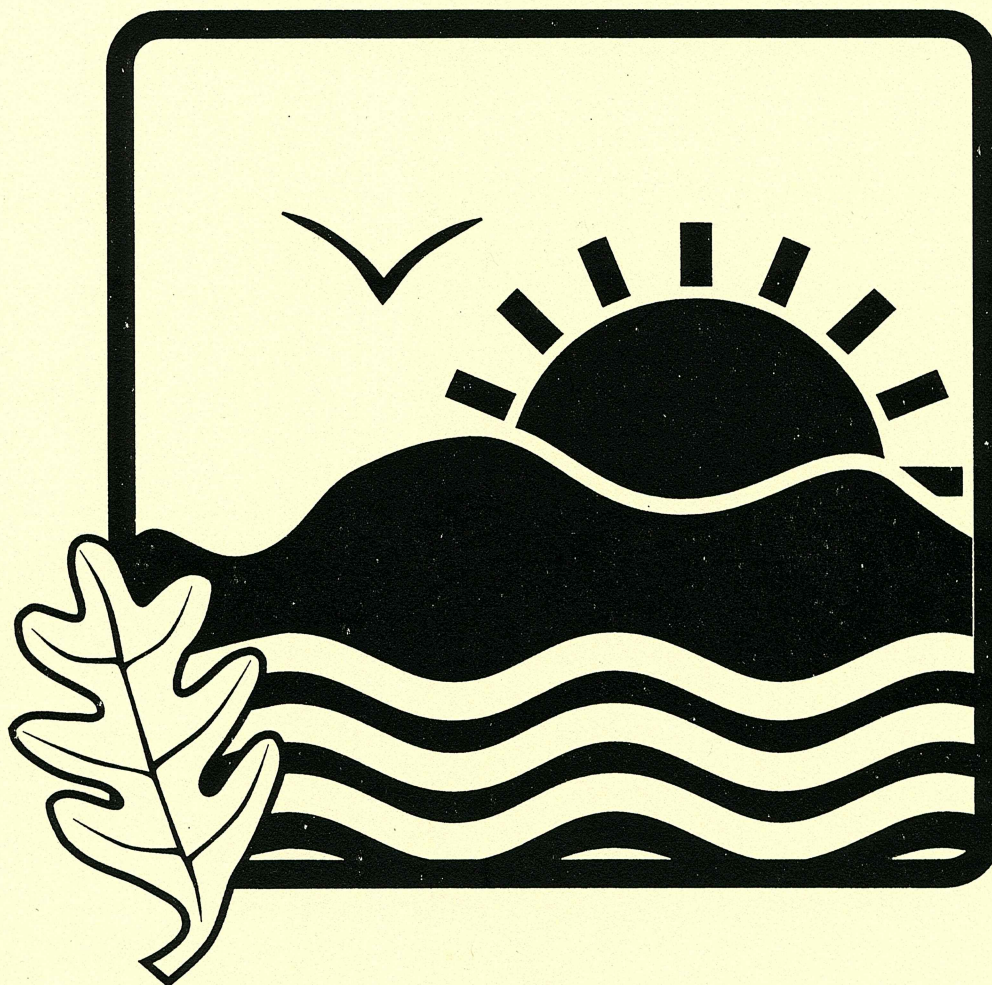
# Missouri State Park Advisory Board

## 2000 Annual Report

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April 5, 2001

The Honorable Bob Holden  
Governor of Missouri  
State Capitol  
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Governor Holden:

I am pleased to submit to you the 2000 Annual Report of the Missouri State Park Advisory Board. This report, prepared pursuant to Executive Order 86-26, summarizes the major accomplishments for the Missouri state park system during calendar year 2000.

The year was marked with significant acquisitions and improvements to the state park system. During 2000 the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks, signed a new agreement with the Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department to operate the Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center and State Museum. Exhibits showcase the artistic, cultural and social history of the African-American experience with specific emphasis on the civil rights movement in Missouri. On June 1, National Trails Day, representatives from the White House Millennium Council designated Katy Trail State Park as a Millennium Legacy Trail. Approximately 185 acres were added to the state park system in 2000. Through the Landmark Local Parks Program, state general revenue funds were made available to communities throughout the state. Twenty-seven cities and counties received almost \$4 million in funding to enhance outdoor recreation acquisition/development projects.

The state park system continued its effort to improve customer service with public meetings held at all state parks and historic sites along with other methods to seek input. The division's Web page has been redesigned along with the pages for the individual state parks and historic sites. In another effort to keep the public informed the division developed Missouri State Park eFriends, an electronic newsletter, and the response has been overwhelming.

Following this letter is the list of the current Missouri State Park Advisory Board members.

The Missouri state park system has a long and proud tradition of providing outstanding public service. Your continued interest and support of these efforts is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

MISSOURI STATE PARK ADVISORY BOARD



Emily Firebaugh  
Chairperson

c: Members, Missouri General Assembly

## **2000 Annual Report of the Missouri State Park Advisory Board**

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Missouri Department of Natural Resources  
Division of State Parks

## **Missouri State Park Advisory Board Record of Decisions**

January 28, 2000

Fee increase proposal: Motion made and carried to support proposed increases.

Motion made to adopt a resolution expressing concern on continual delays toward the completion of the Rosebud Café. Motion approved.

Motion made to adopt a resolution encouraging DNR to lease or purchase land at the confluence and Sugar Loaf Rock. Motion approved.

March 24, 2000

Expansion of Van Meter Forest Natural Area: Motion made that the 186-acre freshwater marsh be included in the Van Meter Forest Natural Area and submitted to the natural areas committee for approval. Motion approved.

Nomination of the Elk River Breaks Woodland Natural Area (Big Sugar Creek State Park): Motion made for the inclusion of the Elk River Breaks Woodland Natural Area. Motion approved.

Deer Hunt Recommendations for State Parks: Motion made for the approval of the proposed hunts. Motion approved.

July 28, 2000

Election of Officers: Motion made to nominate Ms. Firebaugh for chair and Ms. Massey for vice-chair. Motion approved.

Memorandum of Understanding with Department of Natural Resources: Motion made to review the Memorandum of Understanding between the MSPAB and the Department of Natural Resources at the September meeting. Motion approved.

## 2000 Accomplishments

Throughout 2000, projects both apparent to the public and those behind the scenes have helped provide a better service to visitors of the state park system and to protect its resources for future generations.

A new five-year **State Park Passport Program** was unveiled. The new program features a 112-page full-color souvenir booklet, which is sold in state parks and historic sites and can be kept as a journal of the visitor experiences. Participants also can purchase commemorative stickers for 10 featured state parks and historic sites every year.

The division signed a new agreement with the Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department to operate the **Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center and State Museum** under the administration of the division's Missouri State Museum. Exhibits showcase the artistic, cultural and social history of the African-American experience with specific emphasis on the civil rights movement in Missouri.

During the first Missouri State Park Day at the Capitol, Richard and Kay Anderson of Greenwood received the **first 25-year camper award**. The state park camper award program honors campers who camp in five state parks during one year's time.

During a ceremony on June 1, National Trails Day, representatives from the White House Millennium Council designated Katy Trail State Park as a **Millennium Legacy Trail**. The event was held in conjunction with the arrival of a World T.E.A.M. cross-country bicycle tour in Jefferson City. Katy Trail is the only trail in Missouri to receive the designation.

In association with the designation of Katy Trail State Park as a Millennium Legacy Trail, a special **Katy Trail State Park Millennium Legacy Passport Program** was initiated. The passport program encouraged participants to collect stamps from the towns participating in the program along the trail to earn special commemorative souvenirs.

The Ozark Trail, which runs through numerous state parks, was named a **Community Millennium Trail** by the White House Millennium Council. The trail was one of only 2,000 Community Legacy Trails of significance to communities designated in the nation.

The Department of Natural Resources established a **St. Louis Urban Outreach Office** in an effort to better serve people in the St. Louis urban area. A representative from the division's Historic Preservation Program and the Planning and Development Program were assigned to work out of the office.

The Missouri Parks Association sponsored an **urban outreach program** during the summer to help increase awareness of state parks and historic sites. Field trips were sponsored to Watkins Woolen Mill State Historic Site, where kids toured the house, went fishing and swimming and joined nature hikes. Another group took an interpretive ride on Katy Trail State Park.

More than 300 bicyclists from 15 states participated in this year's **Cycle Across Missouri Parks**, held June 18-24. This year's tour, called "Missouri's Hometown Tour," was a loop tour that began and ended at Finger Lakes State Park. Other stops included Arrow Rock State Historic Site and Van Meter, Pershing, Thousand Hills, Wakonda and



Mark Twain state parks. A diary and photos of each day's events were posted on the Web.

A room-size (9 ft. x 11 ft) **diorama** or scale model of the town of Ste. Genevieve as it appeared in 1832 was donated to Felix Valle House State Historic Site. The model was commissioned by Les Amis, a friends organization, and will be on display at the Amoureux House, a part of the historic site.

The Division of State Parks moved into **new offices** at 1659 E. Elm St. in Jefferson City. The new offices offer easier access for the public.

A new **state park store** was created in the reception area of the new offices at 1659 E. Elm St. The new store allows visitors to purchase a variety of souvenir items related to state parks and historic sites, including a new line of bean bag turtles named Parker. Overall, merchandise sales continue to increase. Almost \$12,192 in souvenir merchandise was sold along with almost 358 camping gift certificates.

New **concession contracts** were awarded at Meramec, Big Lake and Sam A. Baker state parks.

As a part of the contract at **Long Branch State Park** to build a new marina, the campground was operated as a part of the concession. This is the first time that a campground had been operated by a private company.

Approximately 6,000 feet of logjam were removed from **Locust Creek** in Pershing State Park. The removal allows the unchannelized portion of the stream through the park to flow freely again.

Fifteen exhibits were on display in the Rozier Gallery. Three temporary exhibits were on display in the exhibit gallery of the **Missouri State Museum**. They included "Lake Placid: A Recreational Center for Colored People;" an exhibit about forest conservation by the Forest Heritage Center; and a series of paintings titled "Historic Heritage Sites" by Robert Macdonald Graham Jr.

Approximately 185 acres were added to the state park system in 2000. **Acquisitions** were made at Washington, Lewis and Clark, Bennett Spring, Ha Ha Tonka, Johnson's Shut-Ins and Castlewood state parks, and Scott Joplin and Battle of Athens state historic sites. The properties were acquired to round out boundaries, fulfill conceptual development plans, protect against encroachments and other threats to natural resources, and to provide for trail development.

Through the **Landmark Local Parks Program**, state general revenue funds were made available to communities throughout the state. Twenty-seven cities and counties received almost \$4 million in funding to enhance outdoor recreation acquisition/development projects.

Eighteen communities and groups received more than \$965,000 in federal **Recreational Trails Program** grants and eight communities received more than \$717,000 in federal **Land and Water Conservation Fund** grants.

The **Workforce 2000 Program** employed or assisted in employment of approximately 50 seasonal candidates with various backgrounds from college students majoring in a natural resource field to high school students and nontraditional applicants. The division also recruited and assisted more than 200 candidates applying for state merit job vacancies.

Through the **cultural resources fund**, \$100,000 was made available to finance projects to protect cultural resources in the state park system. The funds were distributed

to 20 state parks and historic sites to underwrite 30 projects. A few of these projects included restoring monument stones in three state cemeteries; antique furniture restoration at four historic sites; conservation of historic flags at two facilities; an archaeological excavation; restoration of a portrait; and an assessment of a piece of folk art at one of the mill sites.

Prescribed fire continued to be an important aspect of **natural resource stewardship** in state parks. Staff conducted 54 prescribed burns on 9,700 acres of land in 22 state parks. This benefited some of the most important of Missouri's surviving natural landscapes, wildlife and rare or threatened species. Natural resource management included restoration projects in tallgrass prairies, savannas, glades and pine woodlands. An allocation of \$156,800 in the natural resource fund financed projects in 22 state parks to restore and preserve Missouri's rarest natural landscapes.

Almost 200 artists participated in an event known as **Artists Along the Katy Trail** during September and October. Using a variety of mediums, the artists captured the natural and cultural sights along the 225-mile long Katy Trail State Park. A selection of the works will be on display throughout the state during 2001.

The annual Prairie Jubilee at Prairie State Park, with more than 1,300 people attending, served as the finale of a 565-mile march called the **Lek Trek**. The trek, which stretched all the way across the state from the Iowa line to the Arkansas line, was created to showcase Missouri's vanishing tallgrass prairie.

More than 117,000 people attended almost 200 **special events** in 40 state parks and historic sites throughout the state. These ranged from stargazing and cave tours to Civil War reenactments and craft days.

The division began the design and installation of **information kiosks** in five Division of Tourism welcome centers. The new kiosks will provide travelers with information about state parks and historic sites.

The Civil War Marker Advisory Board expanded its list of potential **Civil War markers** needed in the state from 25 to 50. A new marker was placed on the grounds of the state Capitol.

Ten students graduated from the **Natural Resources Career Camp**, which now reaches out to all young Missourians throughout the state, not just in the Boothill area. The camp introduces high school students to the state's cultural and natural resources.

A **training and development coordinator** position was placed in the division to plan, coordinate and execute training for all division employees. One key responsibility was to coordinate with the University of Missouri on two sessions of the Joseph Jaeger Academy of State Parks, which trains employees on advanced administrative topics.

One year after launching electronic cataloging with special software, staff from 20 facilities have entered 3,862 object records into the **statewide artifact collection database**. Felix Valle House and Fort Davidson state historic sites are finished with initial conversion of their catalog cards to database records. The division has approximately 200,000 artifacts in its collection.

The **Natural Resources Database Project** has progressed to the point where a final version of the database software will be available in January. To date, more than 26,000 records have been entered into the system, reflecting the diversity of flora and fauna protected within the Missouri state park system.

The project to update occurrence information for **Species of Conservation Concern** is nearing completion. The division's rare and endangered species database now incorporates more than 800 occurrences for species that are state-listed. The database has been greatly expanded to tract populations of listed species and to provide detailed occurrence information.

A campground reservation administrator was hired to direct the progress of the expanded **centralized campground reservation program**. The division anticipates the activation of an expanded reservation system in the fall of 2001. Within the current system, Trail of Tears State Park began accepting reservations, bringing the total number of campgrounds accepting reservations to 13.

Tailings erosion in **St. Joe State Park** was remedied through a cooperative project with the Doe Run Co. and a human health risk assessment is being developed under the auspices of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Superfund.

Nearly 400 participants spent the weekend of Oct. 6-9 learning outdoor skills at the annual **Wonders of the Outdoor World** National Recreation and Conservation School at Roaring River State Park. In addition to this annual program, planning began for a similar program in 2001 for the St. Louis urban area.

Planning continued on the day-use area and boat ramp for **Route 66 State Park**. The park's first year of operations saw an amazing attendance of approximately 250,000 people.

The **National Natural Areas Association Annual Conference**, held in St. Louis in October, attracted participants from around the world. Field trips were offered to Johnson's Shut-Ins, Taum Sauk Mountain, Meramec, Hawn and Onondaga Cave state parks. Division staff led and facilitated the tours into the natural areas.

A temporary exchange of artifacts was made between **Mark Twain Birthplace State Historic Site** and the Mark Twain Home in Hartford, Conn. Hartford received four pieces of furnishings from Missouri's collection that were originally in the Hartford home. Missouri received four pieces of furniture from some of Twain's other residences that provided the site with a platform to interpret some of Twain's other home sites.

The triennial re-enactment of the 1861 battle was held at **Battle of Lexington State Historic Site** with more than 1,700 re-enactors and 12,000 visitors. This year's event was unique in that the battle scenarios took place in locations in and around the town, as did the battle. This event has become so large that another site off state property will be considered for future re-enactments to protect the battlefield and allow visitors a better vista of the action.

A **German script** and audio tape of the tour at Deutschheim State Historic Site are now available. The site reflects the culture of German immigrants and German Americans across Missouri.

**Missouri Mines State Historic Site** was awarded an Institute of Museum and Library Services, Heritage Preservation, Conservation Assessment Project (CAP) grant for \$6,030. A collections assessor and architectural assessor examined structures, collections and storage areas. Formal reports were prepared that evaluate the condition of the buildings and collections, make suggestions for improving the existing situation, and offer ideas for development of a permanent collections storage facility.

Fifty new legislators visited the original legislative chambers at **First Missouri State Capitol State Historic Site** during the freshman legislative tour. This was



probably the first time so many state representatives were gathered together in the historic building since the Capitol moved to Jefferson City.

**Two new exhibits** were added to Fort Davidson State Historic Site. "Pilot Knob: After the Battle" and "A Great Little Battle" contain pictures, news articles and postcards regarding the site.

Through the **Volunteer in Parks (VIP)** program, 276 people volunteered as campground hosts, contributing more than 72,122 hours. More than 1,425 volunteers in other categories (aides, trail workers, interpreters, etc.) contributed more than 28,466 hours of volunteer time.

State park naturalists and other **park interpreters** provided nature walks, cave tours, demonstrations and amphitheater programs to 274,705 park visitors and students. Nineteen visitor centers had 294,328 visitors view exhibits in state parks. There were 1,549 Junior Naturalist awards presented and 752,622 visitors used the self-guiding trails. Altogether, park naturalist and related staff provided 3,592 kinds of programs and presented them 26,498 times. Total attendance to all related activities was 1,412,529.

Fourteen **cultural resource surveys** were conducted on state park lands, and six new sites were recorded.

A **centralized uniform procurement program** was initiated to improve uniform management efficiency and enhance employee image. The program includes a new, more casual look for many frontline staff and an employee allowance and tracking system. Visitors should see staff in the new uniforms in 2001.

Ten college students participated in the **Fourth Annual Historic Preservation Field School** in Ste. Genevieve. Sponsored in cooperation with the department by the Southeast Missouri State University, the field school was designed to acquaint students with the skills and techniques used in historic preservation. The program included tours of the Felix Valle House State Historic Site and research at the site's Delassus-Kern house.

The **State Park Ranger Program** developed a new full-color brochure to explain what the program does and to assist with recruiting.

New exhibits were developed and installed at **Boone's Lick State Historic Site** to explain the significance of the site and to entice visitors to learn more about Nathan Boone and the work at this unique historic site.

The first phase of a **land trade** with the Missouri Department of Conservation was completed in which the Department of Natural Resources received MDC's interest at Lewis and Clark State Park. This trade provides much needed expansion for the park's service complex.

## 2000 Major Improvement Projects

The year of 2000 brought many significant improvement and construction projects within the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Division of State Parks. Following are some of the highlights.

A major improvement project for the **boat launch area and marina** at Lake of the Ozarks was completed. In February, a new tournament boat ramp and parking area was completed in the cove adjacent to the existing marina in the Grand Glaize Beach area. In May, the existing boat launch area was expanded and redesigned to make traffic flow more efficient. Improvements to the marina included new boat docks, a breakwater, fueling dock, courtesy dock and marine sewage pump-out station. Together, these three projects, valued at approximately \$1.5 million, will greatly enhance the experience for everyone using the area.

A new hiking and equestrian trail was dedicated at Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park. The 10-mile long **Goggins Mountain Trail** provides access to the scenic Goggins Mountain Wild Area in the park and includes a parking area and vault toilet. Future plans include providing an equestrian campground in the area and connecting with the Ozark Trail in the Bell Mountain Wilderness Area.

Construction crews completed the first steps toward developing **Iliniwek Village State Historic Site**, which is scheduled to be opened in 2001. Work included an entry way, parking lot, gates, trail, interpretive kiosk and picnic sites.

Work began on a **new marina at Long Branch State Park**. The new marina will include courtesy boat slips, a provisions store and boat rentals and should be completed in 2001.

**Two new swimming facilities** were made available at Mark Twain State Park. A new public beach was opened, featuring access to Mark Twain Lake, a restroom, changehouse and small picnic area. For visitors to the "Si" Colburn Group Camp, the new facility is a one-acre lake with a sand beach and a mechanical system to circulate the water. Designed for safety and ease of maintenance, the facility cost less than a swimming pool and is considerably larger.

**Cabins at Meramec, Sam A. Baker and Bennett Spring state parks**, originally built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in the 1930s, got a major facelift. The cabins were remodeled to restore their original appearance and keep any remaining CCC characteristics but made functional and appealing to modern-day renters.

The **Locust Creek Riparian Trail** was dedicated at Pershing State Park. The 6.25-mile long hiking and backpacking trail begins at the entrance of the Locust Creek boardwalk in the park and travels along the natural levee of Locust Creek into the Fountain Grove Conservation Area. The trail provides access to the wet prairie and other riparian features.

A new **equestrian campground at Sam A. Baker State Park** was completed. The campground was relocated and expanded to include 11 electric sites and 10 basic campsites, restroom and water.

Starboard Corp., concessionaires at **Table Rock State Park**, added a new 40-slip dock and a floating wave wall to the park marina area. The park and concessionaire are working together to add 25 parking spaces and sidewalks to the new docks. Work has

begun on replacing the marina store with a two-story unit to significantly increase floor and office space.

The former site residence at **Bollinger Mill State Historic Site** was remodeled and converted into new offices for the site.

A new **castle area overlook** was completed at Ha Ha Tonka State Park. Located near the castle ruins, the steel structure was skillfully embedded into the rock bluff so that it is still functional but blends subtly into the surroundings.

Repairs to the 460-foot section of **boardwalk at Big Oak Tree State Park** were completed. The new section connects two existing sections, allowing visitors access once again to the area of large oaks. The new section is decked with a commercial product made of recycled plastic and recycled wood fiber, which is more resistant to moisture, insects, warping and fire.

A major effort was made to **upgrade small restroom facilities**. Fifty-one pre-cast concrete vault toilets were placed in 20 state parks and historic sites and six flush-type pre-cast concrete units were placed in three parks. These units are accessible to persons with disabilities, more vandal resistant, and easier to keep clean.

Major **water and sewer upgrades** were completed at Harry S Truman, Cuivre River, Johnson's Shut-Ins, Washington, Bennett Spring and Roaring River state parks.

At Wakonda State Park, 7.5 miles of **hiking/bicycling trails** were developed. This is the first developed trail for the park.

The **Whistle Bridge**, a landmark at Bennett Spring State Park and a popular fishing platform, was widened for safety and function.

Four trail heads along the western section of **Katy Trail State Park** were completed with the installation of restrooms and the info-depot structures. The new trail heads are at Green Ridge, Windsor, Calhoun and Clinton. Interpretive material was installed at the info-depot in Windsor.

The majority of the interior work on the **Sedalia depot** along Katy Trail State Park was completed. Once site and drainage work is completed, the depot will be occupied by the Sedalia Chamber of Commerce.

## **Historic Preservation Program Has Successful Year of 2000**

The year 2000 was an active and successful one for the Historic Preservation Program (HPP) and for preservation efforts in Missouri. The program has seen continued interest in preservation within the state, and the year saw a number of positive steps taken to further the preservation agenda in Missouri.

Missouri's 25 percent **state tax credit** for the rehabilitation of historic buildings continues to be a major accomplishment for preservation in the state. The number of significant rehabilitation projects fueled by this credit continues to grow. Among the major tax act projects completed during the year were the Governor State Office Building (formerly the Hotel Governor in Jefferson City), the Drury Plaza Hotel (in the Fur Exchange and the American Zinc Building) in St. Louis. HPP staff has been actively involved in promoting the new credits and have participated in tax workshops in Columbia, Excelsior Springs, Mountain Grove, and Cape Girardeau during the past year. The implementation of the state tax credits meets a key objective included in Missouri's Historic Preservation Plan.

Fueled by the success of the tax credits, a major increase in **National Register nominations** and in interest in listing properties in the Register has occurred. A record number of nominations (84) and requests for eligibility assessments were processed by the HPP staff during the year.

During the year, the HPP continued its efforts to **assist Missouri's local governments**. Through a grant to the city of Kirkwood, a program was established to provide scholarships to assist 19 local Missouri commissioners to attend the National Commissions Forum, which was held in Pittsburgh, Pa., in August. Response to the forum was extremely positive and Missouri was well represented. In November, the second annual Missouri Commissions Forum was held in Columbia and was extremely well received. During the year, the city of Lexington became a Certified Local Government.

As part of a departmental effort, a Department of Natural Resources **Urban Outreach Office** was created in St. Louis to provide assistance and support to the St. Louis metropolitan area. A representative of the HPP has been assigned to this office and has been providing technical assistance dealing with preservation issues in the area.

**Historic Preservation Fund** grant funds were used to fund a wide variety of preservation activities. Twenty-two grants representing more than \$400,000 in grants funds were awarded during the year. Among the projects funded were two major public education and outreach activities: the Annual Statewide Preservation Conference, which this year was held at the recently renovated Elms Hotel in Excelsior Springs, and the Missouri Archaeology Month, which helped to educate the population on the importance of the preservation of Missouri's archaeological resources.

The **Missouri Historic Preservation Revolving Fund** was used to fund a number of projects. Loans were made to the Fayette Area Heritage Association (FAHA) to acquire and repair the Eubanks Building, a downtown building that was severely damaged in the collapse of an adjacent property. The Sedalia/Pettis County Redevelopment Authority received a loan to put a new roof on the fire-damaged Trust Building in downtown Sedalia. Funds were also loaned to the city of Raytown to permit them to acquire the Rice-Tremonti House in Raytown. The fund also assisted in the acquisition of the Price-Loyles House in Weston.

## Awards and Recognitions

Many individuals, groups and organizations received awards or were recognized in some way during 2000.

The Missouri Parks Association recognized four employees with **State Park Employee of the Year** awards. Employees receiving the awards included Ellen Murphy, clerk typist with the Market Development Program; Jeanette Gau, clerk typist at Lake Wappapello State Park; Jill White, site administrator at Confederate Memorial State Historic Site; and Dave Witthaus, building construction supervisor for the Eastern Construction Unit.

Robert Meinen, deputy director of the Division of State Parks, received the **William Penn Mott Jr. Award for Excellence** from the National Recreation & Parks Association. Meinen received the Award for Meritorious Service for nearly 30 years of leadership and administrative experience in the field of natural resources in Oregon, Nevada, Idaho, Kansas, Minnesota and now in Missouri.

The Conservation Federation of Missouri (CFM) recognized Ken McCarty, chief of the division's Natural Resource Management Section, as its **1999 Professional Conservationist of the Year**. McCarty is looked to as one of the Midwest's most knowledgeable professionals in researching and restoring savannas and woodlands by removing undesirable vegetation and applying prescribed burns.

Receiving the **Department of Natural Resources' Director's Award** were a group of parks employees involved in putting together displays and field trips for the Black Caucus conference at the Lake of the Ozarks. Those receiving the award included Wynonna McClammer, deputy director; David Kelly and Sherry Kempker, Market Development Program; Cheryl Simmons and Michael Parks, Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center; and Earl Shuessler, Brian Miller, O.H. Patten and Paul and Rachel Sale, Lake of the Ozarks State Park.

Delecia Huitt, assistant district supervisor at the Southern Missouri Historic District, was honored as the Department of Natural Resources' **Employee of the Month** for July.

Doug Rusk, natural resource manager at Stockton State Park, was honored as the Department of Natural Resources' **Employee of the Month** for October.

The following individuals were honored with the Division of State Parks **Masterpiece Awards** in the year 2000: Carl Bonnell, Table Rock State Park; Jill White, Confederate Memorial State Historic Site; Debbie Baker, Southern Missouri Historic District; Lori Elliott, Barry Hill, Joseph Lee, Jerry Applegate, Fred Brown, Sonya Gerhardt, Marian Fitts, Willie Logan and Lynn Lynch, Dr. Edmund A. Babler Memorial State Park; Don Barnett, Planning and Development Program; Sue Crider and Mary Stieferman, Financial and Information Resources Management Program; William "Bud" Gall, North Hills District; Linda K. Zink, Watkins Woolen Mill State Historic Site; Jeannette Gau, Lake Wappapello State Park; Jerry Carr, Knob Noster State Park; Ron Burgett Jr., Trail of Tears State Park; Franklin Routh, Washington State Park; Gary Tayler, North Construction Unit; Ken McCarty, Operations and Resource Management Program; Shirley Carter, Hunter-Dawson State Historic Site; Connie Winfrey, Knob Noster State Park; Ed Barnhart, Earnest Libby and Patrick Lutes, North Construction Unit; Wayne Sisson, North Construction Unit; Bobby Duncan, Capitol Complex; Candy Loving, Ha Ha Tonka State Park; Kay Russell, Confederate Memorial State Historic Site; Jean King, Sam A. Baker State Park; Kurt Senn, Mastodon State Historic Site; Eddie Adams, Cynthia Stevens, Richard Miller, Ralph Mires, Clyde Campbell and Elaine Campbell, Van Meter State Park; Jim Smith and Jim Howard, volunteers for Katy Trail State Park and Cycle Across Missouri Parks;

Racine Myers, Prairie State Park; Frank St. Clair, North Hills District; Larry Moore, Arrow Rock State Historic Site; Vyron Fodge, Big Oak Tree State Park; Mike Comer, Hunter-Dawson State Historic Site; Allen Krieffmeyer, Graham Cave State Park; Raymond Lake, Danny Prier, Roy Heimbeaugh, Kenny Shelton, Jerry Gideon, Tim Mizer, Darryl Hartung, Mike Hedrick, Lee Robinson and Kenny Shelton, South Construction Unit; Don Barnett and Mark Hohengasser, Planning and Development Program; and Karen Semsch, Ozark District.

Janet Price, naturalist at Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park, was named as the **Association of Missouri Interpreters' Distinguished Professional Interpreter for 2000.**

At the Association of Missouri Interpreters (AMI) workshop, Grady Manus received the honor of **AMI Best Presentation of the Year 2000 Workshop.**

Ruth Davis, tourist assistant at Mark Twain Birthplace State Historic Site, was a winner in the **National Photography Contest** for the National Association of Interpreters Workshop.



## **The Division of State Parks at a Glance**

Size: 81 state parks and historic sites.

Acreage: 137,102 acres

Visitation: 17,545,645

Financial Information for Fiscal Year 2000:

Total operating and capital improvement expenditures (less fringe benefits)  
\$45,969,252

Revenues from operations  
(including Historic Preservation Revolving Fund) \$7,520,801

Revenues from dedicated sales tax \$35,753,171

Employment: 658 full-time employees; 169 seasonal employees

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## State Park System Loses a Friend and Supporter

The year 2000 also meant the loss of a friend and supporter of the state park system and historic preservation with the death of Gov. Mel Carnahan. From his first term beginning in 1993, his support of the system was obvious and unwavering. His interest went beyond verbal and paper support as he could often be spotted riding his bicycle on Katy Trail State Park for relaxation. As his body lay in state at the Governor's Mansion, two representatives from the State Park Ranger Program were members of his honor guard. Twelve members of the ranger program provided security and crowd control during the memorial service at the Capitol.

Following are some of the most significant accomplishments achieved during the last eight years with Gov. Carnahan's support.

In 1996, the **parks-and-soils sales tax** was approved for the third time with almost two-thirds of Missouri voters voting yes on the measure.

In an effort to address needs of county and local parks and to protect the sales tax from possible diversions for such needs, Gov. Carnahan initiated the **Landmark Local Parks Program**. This program provides state general revenue funds to fund outdoor recreation projects for county and local parks.

The state park system and the state survived and rebuilt following the devastating **floods of 1993 and 1995**.

The Missouri state park system became a national leader in its effort to address projects to make all facilities **accessible to persons with disabilities**.

The **Governor's Council on Management and Productivity** resulted in significant salary increases and compensation for all state workers.

Legislation was passed calling for the proceeds of an existing income tax on the earnings of out-of-state athletes and entertainers to be distributed to five groups, including the **Missouri Historic Preservation Revolving Fund**.

Legislation was passed that created a **25 percent state tax credit** for the rehabilitation of commercial and residential building.

The Missouri state park system was twice voted among the best state park systems in the nation during the **National Gold Medal and State Park Awards Program**. Gov. Carnahan gave the introduction on the video that was produced as a part of the nomination process.

The former community of Times Beach became **Route 66 State Park**, providing a positive ending to one of the nation's most dramatic environmental success stories.

Construction on **Katy Trail State Park** was completed from St. Charles to Clinton, making it the longest developed rails-to-trail project in the nation.

# DIVISION OF STATE PARKS – ACREAGE FIGURES

Dec. 29, 2000

## STATE PARKS – 48

2,438.75	Edmund A. Babler Memorial
5,163.62	Sam A. Baker
3,100.30	Bennett Spring
407.41	Big Lake
1,028.68	Big Oak Tree
2,047.54	Big Sugar Creek
1,779.40	Castlewood
1,912.10	Crowder
6,393.94	Cuivre River
129.64	Elephant Rocks
1,131.54	Finger Lakes
356.86	Graham Cave
321.96	Grand Gulf
3,503.74	Ha Ha Tonka
4,953.66	Hawn
8,469.51	Johnson's Shut-Ins
2,912.91	Katy Trail
3,567.38	Knob Noster
17,441.52	Lake of the Ozarks
1,854.00	Lake Wappapello
121.13	Lewis and Clark
1,834.47	Long Branch
6,896.33	Meramec
1,356.12	Montauk
160.76	Morris
1,316.70	Onondaga Cave
3,565.66	Pershing
734.44	Pomme de Terre
3,702.00	Prairie
3,413.38	Roaring River
1,224.65	Robertsville
2,272.83	Rock Bridge Memorial
408.61	Route 66
2,734.97	St. Francois
8,238.46	St. Joe
2,175.90	Stockton
356.03	Table Rock
6,888.35	Taum Sauk Mountain
3,215.21	Thousand Hills
3,415.39	Trail of Tears
1,440.00	Harry S Truman
2,775.14	Mark Twain
983.43	Van Meter
1,053.87	Wakonda
501.61	Wallace
1,996.67	Washington
818.11	Watkins Mill
1,133.08	Weston Bend
<b>133,647.76</b>	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>

## STATE HISTORIC SITES – 33

167.39	Arrow Rock
401.57	Battle of Athens
7.40	Battle of Carthage
106.11	Battle of Lexington
0.32	Thomas Hart Benton Home and Studio
43.00	Bollinger Mill
400.20	Nathan Boone Homestead
51.17	Boone's Lick
246.91	Bothwell Lodge
135.22	Confederate Memorial
0.61	Deutschheim
131.77	Dillard Mill
1.37	Dunklin's Grave
0.66	First Missouri State Capitol
77.19	Fort Davidson
18.77	Hunter-Dawson
127.49	Iliniwek Village
1.27	Jefferson Landing
0.45	Jewell Cemetery
2.78	Scott Joplin House
32.22	Locust Creek Covered Bridge
425.00	Mastodon
25.00	Missouri Mines
100.00	Osage Village
2.69	Gen. Pershing Boyhood Home
205.78	Sandy Creek Covered Bridge
2.00	Sappington Cemetery
64.00	Towosahgy
0.40	Harry S Truman Birthplace
13.00	Mark Twain Birthplace
1.24	Union Covered Bridge
7.23	Felix Valle House
624.00	Watkins Woolen Mill
<b>3,4224.21</b>	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>

## OTHER FACILITIES – 5

7.46	Brookfield District Office
8.67	Festus District Office
10.00	Lebanon District Office
2.06	Boonville District Office
2.27	Capitol Complex
<b>30.46</b>	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>

**GRAND TOTAL ACRES 137,102.43**

